BARAGA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

Michigan Department of Treasury 496 (02/06)

Auditing Procedures Report

ssued under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended and P.A. 71 of 1919, as amended.						
Local Unit of Go	vernment Typ	e			Local Unit Name	County
☐County	□City	⊠Twp	∐Village	□Other	COVINGTON TOWNSHIP	BARAGA

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☐County	□City	⊠Twp	∐Village	Other	COVINGTON	TOWNSHIP	BARAGA	
Fiscal Year End JUNE 30, 2	2006		Opinion Date OCTOBER	₹ 11, 2006		Date Audit Report Submitted to State DECEMBER 20, 2006		
M/a affirm that:								

We affirm that:

We are certified public accountants licensed to practice in Michigan.

We further affirm the following material, "no" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the Management Letter (report of comments and recommendations).

	YES	9	Check each applicable box below. (See instructions for further detail.)
	X		All required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the reporting entity notes to the financial statements as necessary.
<u>.</u> .	X		There are no accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/unrestricted net assets (P.A. 275 of 1980) or the local unit has not exceeded its budget for expenditures.
.	×		The local unit is in compliance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts issued by the Department of Treasury.
١.	×		The local unit has adopted a budget for all required funds.
j.	[X]	П	A public hearing on the budget was held in accordance with State statute.
3 .	×		The local unit has not violated the Municipal Finance Act, an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, or other guidance as issued by the Local Audit and Finance Division.
, .	×		The local unit has not been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit.
3.	×		The local unit only holds deposits/investments that comply with statutory requirements.
3.	X		The local unit has no illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to our attention as defined in the <i>Bulletin for Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan</i> , as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin).
10.	×		There are no indications of defalcation, fraud or embezzlement, which came to our attention during the course of our audit that have not been previously communicated to the Local Audit and Finance Division (LAFD). If there is such activity that has not been communicated, please submit a separate report under separate cover.
1	☑	П	The local unit is free of repeated comments from previous years.

11. X The local unit is free of repeated

12. 🗵 🗌 The audit opinion is UNQUALIFIED.

13. X The local unit has complied with GASB 34 or GASB 34 as modified by MCGAA Statement #7 and other generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The board or council approves all invoices prior to payment as required by charter or statute.

15. 🗵 🔲 To our knowledge, bank reconciliations that were reviewed were performed timely.

If a local unit of government (authorities and commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is not included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, please enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.

I, the undersigned, certify that this statement is complete and accurate in all respects.

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We have enclosed the following:	Enclosed	Not Required (enter a brief justification			
Financial Statements	\boxtimes				
The letter of Comments and Recommendations	\boxtimes				
Other (Describe)					
Certified Public Accountant (Firm Name)		Telephone Number			
COWELL & LAPOINTE, PC		906-228-5150			
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101 S. FRONT ST., STE. 309		MARQUETTE	MI	49855	
Authorizing CPA Signature	Prin	ted Name	License Number		
Gloria & La Painte	GI	LORIA J. LAPOINTE A26188		885 	
					

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Board of Trustees Covington Township Baraga County, Michigan

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Covington Township, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's Board. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Covington Township as of June 30, 2006 and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT – Continued

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 11, 2006, on our consideration of Covington Township's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Covington Township's basic financial statements. The accompanying required supplemental information and other supplemental information, as identified in the table of contents, are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The required supplemental information is information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board; the other supplemental information is presented for the purpose of additional analysis. The required supplemental information and the other supplemental information have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. Covington Township has not presented the management's discussion and analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the financial statements.

Course Rufferti, PC Certified Public Accountants Marquette, Michigan

October 11, 2006

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Board of Trustees Covington Township Baraga County, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Covington Township as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated October 11, 2006. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

COMPLIANCE

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Covington Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of Covington Township in a separate letter dated October 11, 2006.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Covington Township's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Covington Township's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A reportable condition follows:

The limited staff of the Township does not permit adequate segregation of duties.

AUDITOR'S COMPLIANCE LETTER - Continued

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amount that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe none of the reportable conditions described above are a material weakness. We also noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to the management of Covington Township, in a separate letter dated October 11, 2006.

This report is intended solely for the information of Covington Township management and Board of Trustees, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Cowell Hafute PC
Certified Public Accountants
Marquette, Michigan

October 11, 2006

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS June 30, 2006

	_	vernmental Activities
Assets		
Cash	\$	331,842
Accounts receivable	•	17,161
Prepaid expenditures		210
Capital assets - less accumulated depreciation of \$310,657		568,484
Total assets	\$	917,697
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$	18,227
Accrued payroll, withholdings and benefits		1,114
Total liabilities		19,341
Net Assets		
Investment in capital assets - net of related debt		568,484
Unrestricted		329,872
Total net assets		898,356
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	917,697

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

				Progr	am Rev	enue		vernmental Activities (Expense)	
	_ <u>E</u> >	Charges for Operating Grants/ Expenses Services Contributions					Revenue and Changes in Ne Assets		
Functions/Programs Governmental Activities:									
Legislative	\$	6 E20	æ		œ.		_	(0.500)	
General government	Ф	6,530 97,507	\$		\$		\$	(6,530)	
Public safety		97,307 17,204		2,685		000		(94,822)	
Public works		57,168		1,000		990		(15,214)	
Health and welfare		26,496		29,223		E 005		(27,945)	
Culture and recreation		19,137		9,016		5,005		(12,475)	
Community/economic development		19,137						(19,137)	
Ochaniamy/Coolioniic developinent		194						(194)	
Total Governmental Activities	\$:	224,236	<u>\$</u>	41,924	<u>\$</u>	5,995		(176,317)	
		neral Reve axes:	enue	es:					
		Property i						42,702	
		Commerc	ial f	orest act				7,195	
				ational for				32,171	
	Penalty, interest and fees on taxes							4,865	
		ate-share						40,486	
		emetery k						1,400	
		terest and	l ren	itals				8,253	
	O	ther						<u>5,471</u>	
			Tot	al general	revenue	es	_	142,543	
	Cha	nge in N	et A	ssets				(33,774)	
	Net Assets - July 1, 2005						932,130		
	Net	Assets -	Net Assets - June 30, 2006						

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET June 30, 2006

A 4 -	Ge	neral Fund	Ambulance and Fire Fund	Recreation Fund	l	onmajor- Liquor aw Fund	Go:	Total vemmental Funds
Assets	_							
Cash	\$	227,855	\$ 82,760	\$ 15,003	\$	6,224	\$	331,842
Receivables:								
Accrued interest		860						880
Accounts receivable		6,741	7,651	854				15,246
Due from tax fund		357	342	356				1,055
Prepaid expenditures				210				210
					_			
Total assets		235,813	\$ 90,753	\$ 16,423	\$	6,224	\$	349,213
Liabilities and Fund Balances								
Liabilities								
Accounts payable	\$	9,350	\$ 2,367	\$ 5,609	\$	901	S	18,227
Accrued payroll benefits	•	1,114	Ψ 2 ,001	Ψ 5,003	Ψ	301	Ψ	
poyron contains		1,114			_			1,114
Total liabilities		10,464	2,367	5,609		901		19,341
Fund Balances								
Unreserved		225,349	88,386	10,604		5,323		329,662
Reserved				210		•		210
					_			
Total fund balances		225,349	88,386	10,814		5.323		329,872
		,			_	0,020		020,012
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	235,813	\$ 90.753	\$ 16,423	\$	6,224	\$	349,213
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RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO GOVERNMENTAL NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

Total Governmental Fund Balances			\$ 329,872
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources			
and are not reported in the funds.			
The cost of the capital assets is	\$	879,141	
Accumulated depreciation is	_	(310,657)	568,484
Net assets of governmental activities			\$ 898,356

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	Gene	eral	Ambulance and Fire	Recreation	Nonmajor- Liquor Law	Totals
Revenues						
Taxes	\$ 54	,068	\$ 15,778	\$ 17,087	\$	\$ 86,933
Licenses and permits	2	,685				2,685
State grants	40	,466			990	41,476
Charges for services	29	,223	10,016			39,239
Contributions and grants			5,005			5,005
Interest and rentals	6	,952		1,301		8,253
Cemetery lot sales	1	,400				1,400
Other	4	,417	·	1,054		5,471
Total revenues	139	,231	30,799	19,442	990	190,462
Expenditures						
Current						
Legislative	€	,178				6,178
General government	74	,256				74,256
Public safety	3	3.319	11,152		1,995	16,466
Public works	57	',15 4				57,154
Health and welfare			18,194			18,194
Culture and recreation				18,714		18,714
Community/economic development		187				187
Other	10	,374	-			10,374
Total expenditures	151	,466	29,346	18,714	1,995	201,523
Net Change in Fund Balances	(12	2,237)	1,453	728	(1,005)	(11,061)
Fund Balances - July 1, 2005	237	,586	86,933	10,086	6,328	340,933
Fund Balances - June 30, 2006	\$ 225	,349	\$ 88,386	\$ 10,814	\$ 5,323	\$ 329,872

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds

\$ (11,061)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; in the statement of activities, these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation

Depreciation expense Capital outlay

\$ 34,580 (11,867)

22,713

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities

\$ (33,774)

FIDUCIARY FUNDS STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS June 30, 2006

·	Agency Fund Type- Property Tax Collection Fund			
Assets				
Cash	\$ 1,055			
Liabilities				
Due to general fund	357			
Due to ambulance/fire fund Due to recreation fund	342 356			
Total liabilities	1,055_			
Net Assets	\$			

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2006

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of Covington Township conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used by the District:

In 2004, Covington Township implemented GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments (GASB Statement No. 34), GASB Statement No. 37, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments: Omnibus which provides additional guidance for the implementation of GASB Statement No. 34, and GASB Statement No. 38, Certain Financial Statement Disclosures which changes note disclosure requirements for governmental entities.

GASB Statement No. 34 established a new financial reporting model for state and local governments that included the addition of management's discussion and analysis, district-wide financial statements, required supplementary information and the elimination of the effects of internal service activities and the use of account groups to the already required fund financial statements and notes.

The GASB determined that fund accounting has and will continue to be essential in helping governments to achieve fiscal accountability and should, therefore, be retained. The GASB also determined that district-wide financial statements are needed to allow users of financial reports to assess a government's operational accountability. The new GASB model integrates fund-based financial reporting and district-wide financial reporting as complementary components of a single comprehensive financial reporting model.

Reporting Entity

Covington Township is governed by an elected five-member Board of Trustees and provides services for about 650 residents, which includes fire and ambulance protection and garbage collection. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity. These criteria include

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Continued JUNE 30, 2006

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Reporting Entity - Continued

significant operational financial relationships that determine which of the governmental organizations are a part of the Township's reporting entity, and which organizations are legally separate, component units of the Township. Based on the application of the criteria, the Township does not contain any component units.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. All the Township's government-wide activities are considered governmental activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenue includes (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes, intergovernmental payments, and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Continued JUNE 30, 2006

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation - Continued

Government-Wide Statements – The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Fund Based Statements – Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, expenditures related to compensated absences, and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, state-shared revenue and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the government.

Covington Township reports two major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the Township's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Township, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Ambulance and Fire Fund accounts for all of the activities of the Township's fire and ambulance services.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Continued JUNE 30, 2006

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation - Continued

Fund Based Statements - Continued

The Recreation Fund accounts for funds raised by a tax levy for the purpose of providing park or recreation activities.

Additionally, the Township reports the following fund types:

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. They are used to segregate the transaction of particular activities from regular revenue and expenditure accounts.

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

Deposits and Investments – Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. Investments are stated at fair value. Pooled interest income from the Ambulance and Fire Fund, Recreation Fund, and Liquor Law Enforcement Fund is allocated to the General Fund.

Receivables and Payables – In general, outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "advances to/from other funds."

All trade and property tax receivables are shown as net of allowance for uncollectible amounts. The Township property tax is levied, due, and becomes a lien each December 1st on the basis of the taxable value of property located in the Township as of the preceding December 31st. If the Township's real property taxes are not collected by the Township Treasurer by March 1st of the year subsequent to levy, Baraga County will pay the Township the remaining balance owing on these taxes. The ultimate collection of personal property taxes is the responsibility of the Township.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — Continued JUNE 30, 2006

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Inventories and Prepaid Costs – Inventories are valued at cost, on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years and are recorded as prepaid costs in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

Capital Assets — Capital assets, which include land, buildings, equipment, and vehicles, are reported in the applicable governmental column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of 1 year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Costs of normal repair and maintenance that do not add to the value or materially extended asset life are not capitalized.

Buildings, equipment, and vehicles are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings and other additions	20-50 years
Furniture and other equipment	5-20 years
Vehicles	10 years

Long-Term Obligations - In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net assets.

Fund Equity — In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Comparative Data/Reclassifications – Comparative data is not included in the Township's financial statements.

NOTE B - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information – Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and state law for the general and special revenue funds. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Continued JUNE 30, 2006

NOTE B - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY - Continued

Budgetary Information — Continued

Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the Township Supervisor submits to the Township Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1st. A public hearing is then conducted to obtain taxpayer comments. Prior to July 1st, the budget is legally enacted by resolution.

The budget document presents information by fund and function. The legal level of budgetary control adopted by the governing body (i.e., the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is the function level. State law requires the Township to have its budget in place by July 1st. Expenditures in excess of amounts budgeted is a violation of Michigan Law. State law permits townships to amend their budgets during the year. The Township did not amend budgeted amounts during the year. The budgets are presented in the other supplemental information.

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations in Budgeted Funds – During the year, Covington Township incurred expenditures in certain budgeted funds which were in excess of the amounts appropriated, as follows:

	Budget	Actual	
Budget Item	Appropriation	Expenditure	<u>Variance</u>
General Fund-Legislative	¢ 6 125	¢ 6 470	ድ ላጋ
——————————————————————————————————————	\$ 6,135	\$ 6,178	\$ 43
-Clerk	5,606	5,707	101
-External audit	2,500	2,730	230
-Treasurer	6,656	6,888	232
-Elections	250	1,251	1,001
-Cemetery	5,300	5,406	106
-Public safety	2,750	3,319	569
Recreation Fund	14,450	18,714	4,264
Liquor Law Enforcement Fund	900	1,995	1,095

NOTE C - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91 authorizes Covington Township to make deposits and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations which have an office in Michigan. The Township is allowed to invest in bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Continued JUNE 30, 2006

NOTE C - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - Continued

States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or federal agency obligations; repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

The Township considers highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

All investments are put in federally insured bank accounts subject to the FDIC insurance limit of \$100,000 per account. The cash from all funds was maintained in a common, interest bearing checking account except for the tax collection which had its own checking account. The interest in the common bank account was allocated to the General Fund. In addition there was a certificate of deposit and savings account for the General Fund.

The investment policy adopted by the board in accordance with Act 20 PA 1943 is in accordance with state statutory authority.

Michigan law (Section 3, Act 40, PA 1932, as amended) prohibits security in the form of collateral, surety bond, or another form for the deposit of public money.

At year-end, the Township's deposits and investments were reported in the basic financial statements as cash and cash equivalents as follows:

Governmental activities Fiduciary funds	\$331,842 1,055
Total	\$332,897

All of the funds are invested in checking, savings, and certificate of deposit accounts.

The deposits of Covington Township were reflected in the accounts of bank and credit union deposits at \$333,788, of which \$200,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$133,788 was uninsured and uncollateralized.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued JUNE 30, 2006

NOTE D - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity of the Township's Governmental activities was as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2005	Additions	<u>Disposals</u>	Balance June 30, 2006
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 10,000	\$	\$	\$ 10,000
Building	<u>13,507</u>	<u>2,168</u>	<u><13,507</u> >	2,168
Subtotal	23,507	2,168	<13,507>	12,168
Capital assets being depreciated			·	
Land improvements	5,732			5,732
Buildings	658,643	21,871		680,514
Office equipment	7,052	1,335		8,387
Equipment	87,200			87,200
Vehicles	<u>85,140</u>	.	<u> </u>	<u>85,140</u>
Subtotal	843,767	23,206		866,973
Accumulated depreciation				
Land improvements	32	382		414
Building	202,818	18,982		221,800
Office equipment	1,374	2,157		3,531
Equipment	46,311	4,545		50,856
Vehicles	<u>25,542</u>	<u>8,514</u>		<u>34,056</u>
Subtotal	<u>276,077</u>	34,580		310,657
Net capital assets				
being depreciated	<u>567,690</u>	<u><11,374</u> >		<u>556,316</u>
Governmental activities - total capital assets	•	•		
- net of depreciation	<u>\$591,197</u>	<u>\$<9,206</u> >	<u>\$<13,507</u> >	<u>\$568,484</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- Continued JUNE 30, 2006

NOTE D – CAPITAL ASSETS – Continued

Depreciation expense was charged to activities of the Township as follows:

Governmental activities:

General government	\$23,205
Public safety	103
Culture and recreation	2,219
Health and welfare	<u>9,053</u>

Total governmental activities \$34,580

NOTE E - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions and employees injuries (workers compensation). The Township maintains insurance coverage through the Michigan Township Participating Plan. This Plan operates as an insurance purchasing pool for local units of government in Michigan. The Plan purchases commercial insurance on behalf of its members at a lower cost than would be available on an individual basis. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Township. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three years.

NOTE F - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

Plan Description – The Township has a defined contribution retirement plan administered by Municipal Retirement Systems, Inc., which covers substantially all employees except appointed boards, commissions, and part-time or seasonal employees.

Funding Policy - The plan, which qualifies under Internal Revenue Code Section 401 (a), is funded by contributions from the employer and employee, who each contribute five percent of an employee's annual compensation. Employees are vested 100% upon entering the plan and must be 18 years old.

Contributions by the employer and employee were ten percent of covered payroll for the year ending June 30, 2006. This reflects contributions of \$2,224 for the calendar year 2005 based on total payroll of \$42,666 and covered payroll of \$22.206.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	ginal and al Budget	Actual	er (Under) al Budget
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 25,376	\$ 54,068	\$ 28,692
Licenses and permits	2,800	2,685	(115)
State grants	61,650	40,486	(21,164)
Charges for services	29,500	29,223	(277)
Interest and rentals	1,600	6,952	5,352
Cemetery lot sales	1,000	1,400	400
Other revenue		4,417	4,417
Total revenues	121,926	139,231	17,305
Expenditures:			
Legislative	6,135	6,178	43
General Government:			
Supervisor	5,717	5,317	(400)
Clerk	5,606	5,707	101
External audit	2,500	2,730	230
Board of review	1,350	1,225	(125)
Treasurer	6,656	6,888	232
Assessor/equalization	8,300	6,891	(1,409)
Elections	250	1,251	1,001
Township hall and other property	59,147	38,841	(20,306)
Cemetery	5,300	5,406	106
Public Safety:			
Inspections	2,750	3,319	569
Public Works:			
Highways, streets and lighting	19,800	18,894	(906)
Sanitation	38,400	38,260	(140)
Community and Economic Development:			
Zoning	300	187	(113)
Other	13,852	 10,374	 (3,478)
Total expenditures	176,063	151,468	(24,595)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(54,137)	(12,237)	41,900
Fund Balance - July 1, 2005	 237,586	237,586	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2006	\$ 183,449	\$ 225,349	\$ 41,900

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

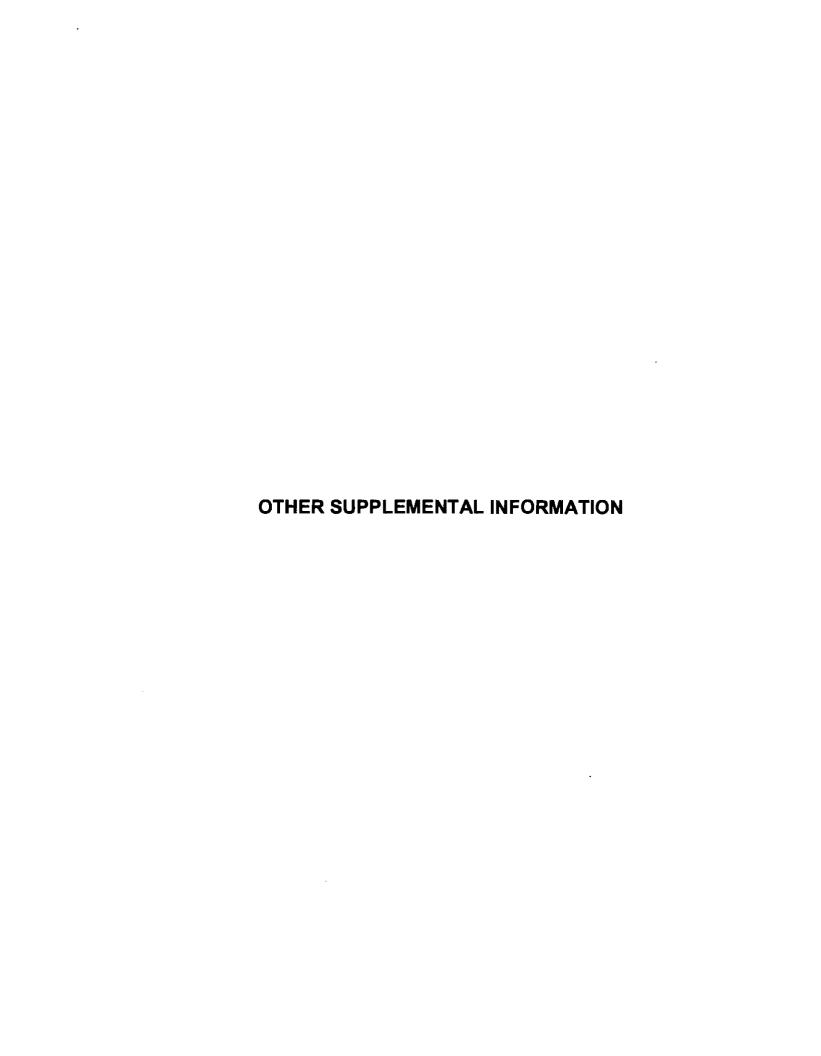
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	Ambulance and Fire Fund				
Bevernoe	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget		
Revenues Toyon Current toy cells stings	6 44 004	. 40 400	4 (700)		
Taxes-Current tax collections	\$ 14,201	\$ 13,468	\$ (733)		
-Commercial forest reserve	900	2,310	1,410		
Ambulance services	13,150	9,016	(4,134)		
Fire services	1,000	1,000			
Contributions	3,000_	5,005			
Total revenues	32,251	30,799	(1,452)		
Expenditures					
Ambulance					
Salaries and wages	5,100	4,129	(971)		
Training and renewals	800	400	(400)		
Office supplies	200	35	(165)		
Telephone	1,400	1,052	(348)		
Pagers	450	50	(400)		
Mileage	975	909	(66)		
Insurance	4,500	4,500			
Utilities	1,650	2,062	412		
Repairs & maintenance-vehicle	500	1,796	1,296		
-building	500	414	(86)		
Capital outlay	3,000	1,335	(1,665)		
Miscellaneous		148	148		
Supplies	1,100	1,364	264		
Fire					
Salaries and wages	1,500	1,333	. (167)		
Supplies	500	578	78		
Telephone	875	1,298	423		
Pagers	400		(400)		
Mileage	450	799	349		
Insurance	4,500	4,500			
Utilities	1,650	2,062	412		
Repairs & maintenance-vehicle	1,500	41	(1,459)		
-building	500	420	(80)		
Training	100	121	21		
Capital outlay	36,000		(36,000)		
Total expenditures	68,150_	29,346	38,804		
Net Change in Fund Balance	(35,899)	1,453	37,352		
Fund Balance - July 1, 2005	86,933	86,933			
Fund Balance - June 30, 2006	<u>\$ 51,034</u>	\$ 88,386	\$ 37,352		

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

		Recreation Fund					
Revenues	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget				
Taxes-Current tax collections	¢ 4.4.004	¢ 4.4.04.4	. 440				
-Commercial forest reserve	\$ 14,201	\$ 14,611 2.476	\$ 410				
Rent and reimbursements	900	2,476	1,576				
Other	600	1,301	701				
Olliei	500	1,054	554				
Total revenues	16,201	19,442	(3,241)				
Expenditures							
Recreation							
Salaries and wages	3,200	3,953	753				
Contract mowing	2,550	1,512	(1,038)				
July 4th	3,050	3,522	472				
Miscellaneous	500	1,101	601				
Utilities	1,200	1,280	80				
Repairs & maintenance-equipment	1,200	2,194	994				
-building	2,750	2,557	(193)				
Supplies		427	427				
Capital outlay		2,168	2,168				
Total expenditures	14,450	18,714_	4,264				
Net Change in Fund Balance	1,751	728	(1,023)				
Fund Balance - July 1, 2005	10,086	10,086					
Fund Balance - June 30, 2006	<u>\$ 11,837</u>	\$ 10,814	\$ (1,023)				



OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION GENERAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	2006 Budget	2006 Actual		
Revenues				
Taxes	_			
Current tax levy	\$ 14,201	\$ 14,623	\$ 422	\$ 13,000
Penalties, interest and fees on taxes	5,275	4,865	(410)	5,383
Swamp and national forest tax	5,000	32,171	27,171	31,830
Commercial forest reserve	900	2,409	1,509	1,675
Licenses and permits	2,800	2,685	(115)	5,866
State grants				
State revenue sharing	61,650	40,486	(21,164)	40,384
Charges for services	29,500	29,223	(277)	30,479
interest and rentals	1,600	6,952	5,352	8,312
Cemetery lot sales	1,000	1,400	400	1,550
Other revenue		4,417	4,417	1,383
Total revenues	\$ 121,926	\$ 139,231	\$ 17,305	\$ 139,862

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION GENERAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	2006 Budget		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· ·		-		-		-		=		· ·		· ·				-						-		•		-		-		=				=		-		-		· ·		-				•		•		· ·		-		-		-		•		-		•		-		· ·		=		•		-		· ·				=				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				2006 Actual				(Under) udget	2005 Actual
Legislative																																																																																																
Salaries	\$:	3,600	\$	3,464	\$ (136)	\$ 3,299																																																																																										
Other	:	2,535		2,714	179	3,558																																																																																										
Capital outlay					 	 1,077																																																																																										
Total legislative		6,135		6,178	43	7,934																																																																																										
General Government																																																																																																
Executive - supervisor																																																																																																
Salaries	_ :	5,317		5,317		5,064																																																																																										
Other		400			(400)	 140																																																																																										
Total executive		5,717		5,317	 (400)	 5,204																																																																																										
Clerk																																																																																																
Salaries	1	5,206		5,197	(9)	4,971																																																																																										
Other		400		510	 110	 206																																																																																										
Total clerk		5,606_		5,707	 101	5,177																																																																																										
External audit																																																																																																
Other		2,500_		2,730	 230	 2,630																																																																																										
Board of review																																																																																																
Salaries		1,100		961	(139)	1,044																																																																																										
Other		250		264	<u>14´</u>	 236																																																																																										
Total board of review		1,350_		1,225	 (125)	 1,280																																																																																										

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION GENERAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	Over (Under) Budget	2005 Actual
General Government (Continued)				
Treasurer				
Salaries	\$ 5,206	\$ 5,197	\$ (9)	\$ 4,949
Other	1,450	1,691	241	3,166
Capital outlay		·		2,195
Total treasurer	6,656	6,888_	232	10,310
Assessor/equalization				
Salaries	4,800	4,400	(400)	3,635
Other	3,500	2,491	(1,009)	1,077
Capital outlay				2,395
Total assessor/equalization	8,300	6,891	(1,409)	7,107
Elections				
Salaries	100	706	606	870
Other	150	545_	395_	837_
Total elections	250_	<u>1,251</u>	1,001_	1,707
Township hall and other property				
Salaries	3,200	3,497	297	3,570
Other	53,447	26,980	(26,467)	16,804
Capital outlay	2,500	8,364	5,864	20,546
Total township hall and other property	59,147	38,841	(20,306)	40,920
Cemetery				
Salaries	1,200	1,376	176	1,670
Other	4,100	4,030	<u>(70)</u>	3,615
Total cemetery	5,300	5,406	106	<u>5,285</u>
Total general government	94,826	74,256	(20,570)	79,620

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION GENERAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	Over (Under) Budget	2005 Actual
Public Safety Building and electrical inspections Salaries	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
Other	\$ 2,200 550	\$ 2,638 681	\$ 438 131	\$ 1,476 <u>910</u>
Total public safety	2,750	3,319	569	2,386_
Public Works				
Highways, streets, lighting - other	19,800	18,894	(906)	16,797
Sanitation				
Salaries	500	182	(318)	502
Other	37,900	38,078	178	34,782
Total sanitation	38,400	38,260	(140)	35,284
Total public works	58,200	57,154	(1,046)	52,081
Community and Economic Development Zoning				
Salaries	300	87	(213)	208
Other		100	100	90
Total community and economic development	300	187	(113)	298_
Other				
Insurance	4,500	7,179	2,679	7,132
FICA, Retirement	4,352	3,062	(1,290)	1,928
Other	5,000	133	(4,867)	
Total other	13,852	10,374	(3,478)	9,060
Total expenditures	\$ 176,063	\$151,468	\$ (24,595)	\$ 151,379

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND-LIQUOR LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Revenues			
State grants	\$ 1,000	\$ 990	\$ (10)
Total revenues	1,000	990	(10)
Expenditures			
Liquor law enforcement			
Salaries and contractual	900	<u>1,995</u>	1,095
Total expenditures	900	1,995	1,095
Net Change in Fund Balance	100	(1,005)	(1,105)
Fund Balance - July 1, 2005	6,328	6,328	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2006	\$ 6,428	\$ 5,323	\$ (1,105)

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ALL AGENCY FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

Tax Collection Fund

	alance / 1, 2005	Additions	Deductions	alance 30, 2006
Assets Cash	\$ 1,131	\$ 244,435	\$ 244,511	\$ 1,055
Liabilities Interfund payables Due to other governmental units	\$ 1,131	\$ 43,063 201,372	\$ 43,139 201,372	\$ 1,055
Total liabilities	\$ 101	\$ 244,435	\$ 244,511	\$ 1,055

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

PROPERTY TAX DATA FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

2005 Taxable Valuation--\$14,279,286

2005 Tax Levy	Mills	Collections	
General Recreation Ambulance/Fire	0.9591 1.0000 0.9195	\$ 14,617 14,605 13,463	
Total	2.8786	\$ 42,685	

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Board of Trustees Covington Township Baraga County, Michigan

MANAGEMENT LETTER ON ANNUAL REPORT

In connection with the examination of the financial statements of Covington Township for the year ended June 30, 2006, we submit the following comments and recommendations:

BUDGETS

Public Act 621 of 1978, as amended, requires that budgets should be amended prior to the expenditures being made. As indicated in Note B to the financial statements, there was overspending in the General Fund, Recreation Fund and Liquor Law Enforcement Fund. Your expenditures should be monitored on a monthly or at least, quarterly, basis with your budget and the budget should be amended to prevent overspending.

ACCOUNTING

Uniform Chart of Accounts: GASB No. 34 requires insurance and employee benefits to be allocated to the appropriate function if they are recorded in the functions of 851-899. Therefore, insurance, social security and Medicare, and workers compensation insurance breakdowns need to be made available by function if you continue to record these items in functions 851-899. It may be more practical to allocate these expenses at the end of the fiscal year. Please refer to the Uniform Chart of Accounts for Counties and Local Units of Government located on the Michigan Department of Treasury website (www.michigan.gov/treasury) under the local government section for guidance in setting up any new functional expenses.

Account Classifications: The examination of transactions indicated several receipts and disbursements misclassified in your accounting program. Please review the accounts being used when recording transactions to provide more accuracy in recording transactions. Capital assets should be recorded as capital outlay or equipment and not included under maintenance and repairs or supplies.

MANAGEMENT LETTER ON ANNUAL REPORT - Continued Page Two

ACCOUNTING - Continued

Monitoring of Disbursements: Your canceled checks are no longer being returned from the bank. It becomes even more important that check signers examine the invoice before signing the check and make sure it agrees to the list of checks that the Board approves. The QuickBooks program allows someone to change check information after it has been printed so the Board needs to take extra care when approving disbursements.

<u>Employee payroll</u>: Time sheets for employee hours should be completed on a daily basis versus a period of time. While examining an employee's payroll we could not determine whether pay was for the current or subsequent fiscal year.

A review of Form W-3 for 2005 indicated state wages were listed as \$41,487.53. The amount should be \$42,666.39 which is the same for federal wages. You may want to check individual employee records for employees that may not have withholding for state purposes which could be causing the lower amount for state wages.

We appreciate the cooperation of Township personnel in completing the audit. If we can be of assistance in the implementation of these recommendations or any other services as they may arise, please contact us.

Count Haferta PC
Certified Public Accountants

October 11, 2006